

SKEPTICAL MAN FINALLY REPLENISHES GROCERIES

Came to Associated Charities to Investigate Conditions, and Is Convinced.

LIBERAL PUBLIC RESPONSE

Needs of Poor of City Are Being Relieved as Rapidly as Possible, but More Money Is Necessary to Carry On Work.

Contributions for the Associated Charities

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| B. F. | \$ 1.00 |
| Cash | 2.50 |
| H. S. D. | 2.00 |
| Mrs. V. A. H. | 2.00 |
| Received December 17 | \$ 10.50 |
| Previously acknowledged | \$370.50 |
| Total received | \$381.00 |

Contributions for relief of the unemployed of Richmond may be sent to The Times-Dispatch. They will be promptly acknowledged, and will be expended in relief of worthy individuals, without publicity, but with close supervision.

There are always skeptical persons in this world, and yet out of the kindness of their hearts they cannot resist the pitiful appeals which are being made to the Associated Charities by the needy families of Richmond. Yesterday one of these men came to Secretary Buchanan personally to investigate the conditions before taking any action. He was taken through the big building, the tour winding up in the storeroom. As Dr. Buchanan pointed out the big grocery bins, almost empty by the demand of the past few days, the visitor impulsively pulled out his pocketbook and extracted \$100 with which to purchase supplies to replenish them. By this piece of generosity the Associated Charities today will be able to relieve the urgent want of the suffering poor to a greater extent than it could otherwise have done.

Many such persons live here. They do not believe the conditions can really be so bad as they are, and yet, as one, however, that personally investigates the situation fails to respond, and in addition to the scores of persons receiving direct aid from the Associated Charities, there are dozens of families being cared for by individuals. Liberal response is being made to the appeal for funds and supplies to carry on the work, but the amount is sadly woefully below the most conservative estimates to cover the work of the winter.

MANY EMERGENCY CALLS FOR FOOD ARE MADE

Yesterday Dr. Buchanan issued 113 meals to men and answered sixty emergency calls for food. Fifteen loads of wood were sent out on emergency cases. Forty men were given work, and means of which they could earn small sums to take to their families. Fifty more men will work in their places today, and still another shift of fifty men will work tomorrow. In addition to the work being done on outside jobs, these latter calls are the ones that Dr. Buchanan wants, and he feels that there are dozens of instances where men could be given odd jobs to do, which would greatly relieve the Associated Charities.

Among the desperate cases brought to the attention of Dr. Buchanan yesterday was that of a family of five, which is in destitute circumstances, and in imperative need of help. The head of the household is in bed with tuberculosis and is unable to work. His wife is unable to do the housework, and the three small children crying for food to retard the progress of the ill man and to add to the burden of the mother.

WOMAN EXPRESSING HER THANKS

That the recipients of aid are thankful for all that is being done for them is evidenced by the following letter received yesterday by Dr. Buchanan:

"I certainly do appreciate the work you have given my husband. Under the circumstances, what he made came in mighty good. Doctor, my children haven't any thick underwear, and also haven't any shoes. My husband is also in need of underwear, as he has had no work for three months. I have three small children—five years, four years and two years old—and anything that you could find to fit them, I would certainly be more than thankful for them. I wish you would please be so kind as to help me along this line if you possibly can. Anything would be accepted and appreciated, for it is bad when you have little children."

This case will be turned over by Dr. Buchanan to some person who would be glad to help a worthy family tide over its difficulty. If none comes forward, he must then expend some of the needed cash to put the little ones in condition to face a hard winter properly clothed. The father is earning a small sum each day by sawing wood. Any work will be acceptable to him.

BARTON HEIGHTS WOMEN

The women of the Women's Club of Barton Heights yesterday brought \$55 to Dr. Buchanan as their contribution. This money was raised by a fancy sale. Many other small donations were sent in.

From Ashland there was received by The Times-Dispatch a letter containing \$5. The contributor said:

"Will you kindly see that the enclosed check is forwarded to the Associated Charities of Richmond? Please acknowledge as from N. G. Ashland, Va."

Another writer said:

"Enclosed you will find \$1, which I hope will help a little in the good work you are doing. May His blessing attend you."

Child Dies from Burns

Willmet Jones, a six-year-old colored girl, was severely burned in her home, 312 North Eighth Street, yesterday morning, when her clothes caught fire from an open grate. The girl's mother is said to have left three children at play in the house, and the accident occurred during her absence. Ambulance Surgeon Walker rushed the girl to Virginia Hospital, but she died shortly after her arrival there. It is said that the entire body was horribly burned.

Only in glassine bags—Holsum pan biscuits.

York River Line Holiday Trips to Baltimore

Special Round Trip Rate, \$3.50. Dates of sale, Dec. 16 to 25, Inc. Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Final limit Jan. 5, 1915.

Regular all-year-round trip rate, \$4.50, limited 30 days.

For further information, apply H. L. Bishop, D. F. A., 807 E. Main Street.

MAKING MORE SCRAPS OF PAPER



YOUNG FOLKS PREPARE TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Stores Are Filled With Curious Novelties for Eager Throngs.

DAILY DRESSED WINDOWS

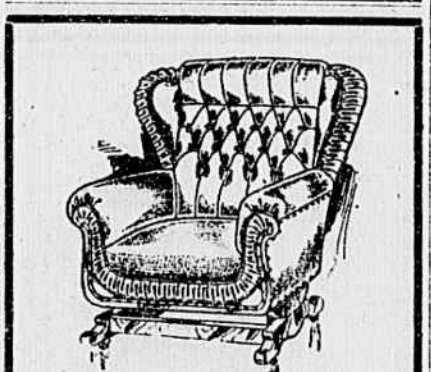
Streets Show Close Approach of Holiday Season, and Markets Are Filling With Holly, Cedar and Mistletoe—Buying Is Brisk.

Of course, the nearer it gets to Christmas the more the thoughts of all turn to the kiddies. It is essentially their time of the year. Even the children of Germany, the dispatches tell us, are going to have trees and toys, as usual. There are lots of quaint new things shown in the Richmond shops for the little folks this holiday season. "Kewpies," for instance, everybody loves the funny little clothed figures. There are Kewpies as big as a two-year-old child for the little folk, and there are tiny Kewpies for the grown-ups. One find is a label button on which a miniature Kewpie grins forth at all the world. These men can buy at the counter when they get a cigar, and they are said to kill the worst kind of a grouch—that is, the Kewpie; not the cigars.

Many of the shop windows have taken on an excessive holiday appearance by the clever manipulation of a new decoration in the form of imitation red bricks made of paper and fastened to the inside of the windows. The passers-by fully expect to see his nibs Kringle step forth to greet them; the decorations are so reminiscent of the chimney place.

Art departments and art stores always have a strong appeal for the holiday crowds, for this is the season when there is real excuse for indulging a pet taste for some treasure. There are some beautiful color prints and fine old engravings shown that appeal to the most fastidious.

In the matter of decorations, holly and mistletoe, of course, lead the van, and in Virginia the holly is particularly beautiful this year.



This Big "Comfy" Turkish Rocker

Is a gift that father will appreciate for years and years to come.

Strongly built, covered with fine black or Spanish leather, a Turkish Rocker such as this will make the right gift for father or brother.

See our Special Turkish Rocker at \$9.50.

The Low Profit Policy Store
RYAN SMITH & CO.
MASONIC TEMPLE

WARN GOVERNOR

Latest Addition to Executive "Bug" File Contains Mysterious Message.

The last warning from the King came to Governor Stuart in yesterday morning's mail. The import of the warning is not quite clear. The Governor was unaware that he had a warning coming, and it is not at all certain that he will give heed to the mysterious message and beware, it being ordinarily his policy to ignore anonymous communications.

Written in a masculine hand, partly in red ink, and part in writing fluid dark as the raven's wing, the message to the Governor reads:

"Last warning from the King to one of the sons."

"At last the name of Abraham has been disgraced in the sight of heaven. 'Hermos' is here in the name of Abraham, and his brother placed the devil's mottoes upon God's walls after the cross, which many had planted there had been cast aside. Through the hands of Abraham the devil has now usurped God's throne upon earth. More intelligible is an addendum to the message, which the writer inscribed obviously as a bit of information. It reads:

"Have tried to find a preacher or an editor who is for Christ and failed to."



GREAT BARGAINS IN HIGH GRADE SOLID GOLD AND DIAMOND JEWELRY

We have decided to close our large sample line direct to the consumer at wholesale prices. Our stock consists of everything in the jewelry line. Solid Silver and Plated Ware, Cut Glass, etc. A few items for comparison:

Ladies' and Gents' Solid Gold Watches, with Elgin movements, \$15.00.
Diamond Rings in Tiffany mountings, \$5.00 and up.
La Valieres from \$2.25 to \$150.00.
Solid Gold Link Buttons, \$1.00 and up.
Solid Gold Scarf Pins, 50c and up.
Solid Gold Bracelets, \$4.50 and up.
Solid Gold Cuff Pins, per pair, 80c.
Solid Gold Baby Rings, 50c and up.

J. Weinstein & Co.

1410 East Main Street.
Established 1887.
All Goods Guaranteed as Represented.

Biggs Antique Company ANNOUNCE A Special Xmas Sale

Of Very Unusual Articles, Permanent and Attractive Gifts, Consisting of:

100 Electric Lamps (table and floor lamps), with silk shades.
100 Sofa Pillows, all shapes.
50 Scarfs, made from rare fabrics.
50 Old Mirrors, gold leaf and mahogany frames.
100 Framed English and French Prints.

Special 25% Discount

These goods have been put in our annex, 111 North Third Street. Sale Commences Wednesday December 16.

Will Entertain Veterans

The Grandchildren of the Confederacy, Auxiliary of the Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will give an entertainment this afternoon at 4 o'clock for the inmates of R. E. Lee Camp Soldiers' Home. Mrs. Kate Linsley Risher will give a reading, and there will be recitations and music by the children. After the entertainment the children will visit the infirmary and give fruit to the sick veterans.

Sent to Grand Jury

Frank Green, charged with assaulting and wounding Sidney Brown with a pick handle, was yesterday sent on to the grand jury by Justice Crutchfield.

Xmas Shoppers Special 30c Old Virginia Dinner Served 11:30 A.M. to 8 P.M.

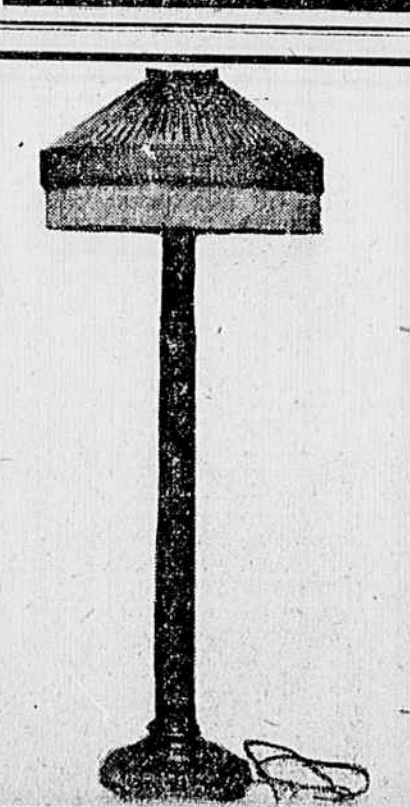
Vegetable Soup
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Green Apple Pie
Batter Bread or Hot Rolls
With Butter
Coffee, Tea or Milk

Prepared by a chef who knows how. Served by Richmond girls. If tired, come in and rest and eat.

Union Stores' Cafe, Co-Operative

(2500 Virginia Shareholders).
Seventh and Franklin Streets.

USE EATMOR BREAD Pure and Wholesome



REALTY CONCERN LOSES SUIT AGAINST MERCER

Physician Need Not Pay for Property Which Was Misrepresented.

GETS BACK FIRST INSTALLMENT

Lots Seventy Miles From New York, in Scrub Oak Waste, Sold as in Easy Commuting Distance From Metropolis.

The lure of Suffolk County, New York, real estate, represented to be within easy commuting distance from Broadway, proved irresistible in the case of Dr. William Mercer, of 400 West Grace Street, who on February 26, 1913, agreed to buy five lots in View Park, said county and State, and to pay for them the sum of \$135.

The whole deal looked immensely attractive as explained to Dr. Mercer by A. Kornblum, who, as agent for the Albany Realty Company, Inc., sold the physician the property. It appears, however, that Dr. Mercer undertook an investigation on his own account, and found that instead of being within easy commuting distance of New York City, the land he had agreed to buy was in reality seventy miles distant from the gay metropolis, whereupon the trouble began.

REALTY COMPANY BRINGS SUIT AGAINST MERCER

Receiving no payment for the property, the Albany Realty Company instituted suit in the Law and Equity Court for the full amount of the purchase price, less the first payment, \$43.50. Through his attorney, Ordway Fuller, Dr. Mercer filed an answer, alleging that the company and its agent fraudulently induced him to buy the property by making false claims. Dr. Mercer alleged damages in the sum claimed by the realty company, offering to set off his claim against that of the company, but demanded the refund of the \$43.50 first payment.

Attorney Fuller introduced witnesses who told the jury that the property in question was nothing more than a scrub-oak waste on a remote part of Long Island, and one witness said that he would not accept the land as a gift. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant, Dr. Mercer, and also a judgment in his favor for \$33.50, the amount of the demanded refund. The complainant moved to set aside the verdict, but the motion was overruled.

According to Dr. Mercer's plea for a set-off, the sales agent told him that the property was worth as much as he paid for it, if not more, and that the realty company was merely disposing of the land at this price as an

Leave standing order of HOLSUM Pan Biscuits.

Give Furniture

And Save Money By Buying it at

"The Store That Pleases"
Jones Bros & Co.
1418-1420 E. Main St.

advertisement, whereas the fact was "that the property is now and was absolutely worthless."

The agent, Dr. Mercer charged, deliberately misrepresented the value of the lots, claiming among other things, that they were within twenty-five or thirty miles from New York City, or within easy commuting distance. The purchase, he said, was made in reliance upon these representations, which, he claimed, have proved "false and fraudulent."

"The same company has sold other lots in this subdivision to between twenty-five and thirty other persons in this city," said Ordway Fuller yesterday. "A number of prominent citizens have bought on the strength of these misrepresentations, and have obligated themselves to pay for property which, it appears, is very near, if not wholly, worthless."

Man's Yells Frighten Robber

Fred D. Gacewood, an employee of the Richmond Press, yesterday reported to the police that he had been held up by an unknown negro about 11:30 o'clock as he stepped from a Westhampton car at stop No. 21. Gacewood informed the police that he had yelled loudly when the negro presented a pistol to his head, and that his assailant had immediately taken flight. An exhaustive search of the vicinity failed to locate the man.

Street Fighters Are Fined

Frederick Bowles was yesterday fined \$25 and costs in the Police Court on a charge of resisting Policemen Whitlow, Bowles, with J. J. McCauley, J. T. Fernandez and George Washington, colored, was arrested by Whitlow, Sergeant Waymack and Policemen Mott while engaged in a street fight on Louisiana Street Wednesday afternoon.

Washington Was Considerably Battered

When he appeared in court yesterday, and said that the men had attacked him for no apparent reason and had succeeded in beating him severely. Bowles was fined an additional \$10 and costs for his part in the fight. McCauley was fined a similar sum for aiding him, and Washington and Fernandez were dismissed.

The Berry Label Means "Sterling"



Suits for men, \$15 upwards.
Overcoats, \$15 to \$40.
Hats, Caps, Fur Caps, American Silk Hats.
Shirts—Full Dress, \$1.50 to \$6. Heavy Silk Shirts, \$5 and \$6.
Neckwear — American Silk, none better, \$2.50 to 50c.
American Underwear, the best in the world, \$1 to \$7.50.
Pajamas, \$1.50 to \$7.50.
Gloves, Handkerchiefs, American Silk Socks.
American Silk Umbrellas, \$3.50 to \$12.
Jewelry, Silk Mufflers.
Traveling Bags, Suit Cases.
House Coats, Bath Robes, Motor Robes, Jaeger Rugs.
Club Bags, Suit Cases, Shaving Sets, etc.

How about decorating that Xmas tree with presents for the boys?
Here's a list of practical, but none the less welcome, gifts:
Suits, \$5 upwards.
Overcoats, \$5 to \$14.
Cravats, Gloves, Pajamas, Umbrellas, Jewelry, Hats.
And special Sweaters, the best yet; and Mackinaws, the newest style.
Everything for boys' wear.
For Girls:
Middy Blouse, Middy Scarfs, Sweaters, Coats, Raincoats, Squaw and Cow Girl Suits.
For Women:
Silk Umbrellas, Raincoats, Coats, Sweaters, Fitted Bags, Trunks and Cases.

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Thousands of Folks in Richmond Buy

Nolde Bros.' Tip-Top Bread

because they have seen with their own eyes the making of it. As good and clean as if made in your own kitchen.



At Christmas Be With Those You Love

A LITTLE effort will save you a lonely Christmas. Be with your family—with friends—with people dear to you. Arrange your work so as to get away. You can do it if you try.

Christmas holidays come but once a year. Enjoy them, make the most of them. They are fuller of human meaning than all the other holidays put together.

Do you not owe it to yourself to spend these days with your mother and father—or sweetheart or close friends? Can you afford to be away from your people at the time when everyone else is with theirs?

Let us help you about fares, routes and other information.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Premier Carrier of the South

H. L. BISHOP, Division Passenger Agent,
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